

Milwaukee County

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SUPERVISOR MAYO STATEMENT ON FEDERAL TRANSIT FUNDS

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr., released the following statement this afternoon after Supervisor Borkowski called on the Federal government and Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett to abandon the streetcar system and instead invest in the Milwaukee County Transit System:

"I am pleased that my County Board seatmate, Supervisor Mark Borkowski, has stepped up to the plate against the Milwaukee Streetcar and in favor of funding the Milwaukee County Transit System. The transit system is on life support, and we need all the help we can get to preserve transit over the long-term.

"The bus system reaches every neighborhood in Milwaukee. We can't afford to throw dollars at a new mode of transit while our existing system is dying.

"Mayor Barrett has an opportunity to foster a great partnership with the County. This can be a win-win for the residents of the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County. If the Mayor decides to work with Milwaukee County to invest in modernizing our existing transit system, I will publicly and enthusiastically applaud his efforts."

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